

Colonel Merle C. Bowsky

Colonel Bowsky, who claims Houston, Texas, as his home town, was born *on 25 December 1904.* in New York City,<sup>^</sup> He attended the College of the City of New York, and later worked as a geophysicist for the Lane Wells Company.

He entered the service at the beginning of World War II and while with the European Theatre of Operations, served in the Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes-Alsace and Northern France campaigns from July 1944 to December 1945.

After the war, he served as assistant and also acting director of engineering at the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, from 1946 to 1947. In 1947, he went to Greece where he served as radio officer with the U. S. Advisory Group to Greece until 1949.

Colonel Bowsky then returned to Fort Monmouth, N. J., serving there for the next two years. During that tour of duty, he was assistant commandant of the Signal School and then at the Signal Corps Center was assistant deputy commander of training, deputy commander of services of the post and assistant chief of staff G-4.

In 1952, he went to Camp San Luis Obispo, California. While there he was chief of staff and deputy post commander of the Southwestern Signal Corps Training Center.

From Dec 1953 to 1955, Colonel Bowsky served in Korea as IX Corps Signal Officer and later as Commanding Officer of a Signal Group.

In 1955, he was assigned to the U. S. Army Electronics Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he served as chief of staff and deputy post commander.

In 1957, Colonel Bowsky was assigned to the Canal Zone where he served as signal officer, Headquarters, U. S. Army Caribbean.

In May of 1958, he returned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he was assigned as Inspector General.

Colonel Bowsky has been awarded the Bronze Star; Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (Oak Leaf Cluster); the Distinguished Military Service Medal with Silver Star (Ulchi) awarded by the Republic of Korea; the American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; and Army of Occupation Medal; and Korean Service Medal.